



### TOP ECHELON CONGRATULATES NEW SUPREME VENERABLE

John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven, Conn., second from left, receives congratulatory good wishes on his election by acclamation to the office of Supreme Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy in America. Others elected to top offices are, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburg, Calif., left; First Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y., second from right, and Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.

### The Convention

## Supreme Sessions In Brief

### The Elections

**New Supreme Council:** Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven, Conn.; Ex-Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.; First Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y.; Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburg, Calif.; Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Supreme Recording Secretary Modest S. Mele, Everett, Mass.; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

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### Approved

**Museum title transfer:** Transfer of title of the Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum, Staten Island, N. Y., from the Order's National Historical Society to the Sons of Italy Foundation.

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## Donations Swell Home Fund Drive

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts, national chairman of the Sons of Italy Foundation's National Memorial Home drive, urged completion of the campaign in the next two years.

"The Order's prestige is at stake . . . we cannot hold our heads high as a national organization if we allow this campaign to linger on," he said in his report to the delegates.

To stimulate interest in the

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### Guglielmo Marconi Award

## Order's Top Honor To Gov. Volpe

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts in a speech accepting the Order's highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi award, cited the lack of qualified Americans of Italian origin in high appointive positions in the national scene.

"Isn't it time," the Governor said, "that an outstanding American of Italian descent sat on the Supreme Court of the United States, or in the Cabinet of the President of the United States."

"Both in the Eisenhower administration and in the present Kennedy administration, Americans of Italian origin have and are serving their country in positions of importance."

"I am sure you and I would agreed, however, that when our

large numbers are considered, as well as the outstanding qualifications of both Republicans and Democrats among our people, we are not sufficiently represented in high appointive positions on the national scene."

More than 500 took part in the tribute to the Massachusetts governor.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi presented the Marconi award at the convention banquet held in the Mayflower Hotel.

Governor Volpe is the third recipient to receive the Order's highest honor.

Among the speakers was President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, who was similarly honored at the 1959 Supreme Convention held in Boston.

In making the presentation Supreme Venerable Gorrasi cited the recipient for his outstanding achievements and accomplishments in the political arena, for his philanthropies, in the business and industrial fields and for his dedicated devotion to the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Federal Judge Anthony Julian of Watertown, Mass., was toastmaster.

Other speakers were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta of

Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence P. Gatti, Washington, D.C., and Congressman Robert N. Giaimo of Connecticut.

William Amoroso, venerable of the host Roma Lodge No. 71, and Dr. Paul A. Manganaro, general chairman, were in charge of arrangements.

Governor Volpe deplored the "political immorality and corruptness in some areas of government," charging that this im-

### Third Term for Supreme Venerable

## The Election Machinery Involved

Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., attorney, missed out by one vote in his bid for a third term as Supreme Venerable. The laws of the Supreme Lodge dictate that in cases where the incumbent Supreme Venerable seeks a third term he must obtain two thirds of the ballots cast.

Gorrasi polled 86 votes of the 130 ballots cast, while Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N.Y., attorney, received 44 votes. Gorrasi needed 87 votes to win, or one more vote than he received.

Because Amedeo Volpe did not

receive a majority of votes cast, a "run-off" election was held. The "run-off" resulted in the elevation of First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven, Conn., attorney, to Supreme Venerable and Amedeo Volpe from Second Assistant to First Assistant Supreme Venerable.

Gorrasi sought a third term on the basis of his work of the past four years and a desire to complete some of the projects begun in his administration, particularly the Sons of Italy Foundation.

### The Berlin Crisis

## Order Supports the President

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A resolution endorsing President Kennedy's stand on the Berlin situation was approved by the Supreme Delegates on the opening day of the convention and was presented to the President in person by top officials of the Order.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi presented the resolution to the President in his office at the White House.

The text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS Premier Khrushchev has threatened and continues to threaten the peace of the

world by bringing to an end our legal rights to be in West Berlin and our ability to make good on our commitment to two million people of that city, and

WHEREAS Berlin is not a part of East Germany which is under the domination of the Soviet Union, but a separate territory under the control of the Allied Powers and, therefore, cannot be ended by an Act of the Soviet Government, and

WHEREAS West Berlin is more than a showcase of liberty, a symbol, an island of freedom in

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# Scores Of Students Aided By Scholarship Grants

Three Grand Lodges—California, Massachusetts and New York—have awarded scholarships to a total of 40 high school graduates.

## California

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Under the auspices of the California Grand Lodge, 20 high school students were awarded scholarships of \$200 each at the recent Grand Convention.

Eight scholarships were awarded by the Grand Lodge and twelve scholarships were awarded by individuals and organizations. Selection of the twenty recipients was made by the Grand Lodge's Scholarship Commission, composed of Bruno Giuffrida, president; Judge Walter Carpeneti, Joseph Billeci, Maria Marchesi and Stephen D. Maffini.

Winners of the Grand Lodge scholarships were Rose Ann Castellani, Denver, Colo.; Lawrence James Castelli, Santa Rosa; Sharon Marla Pilon, Weed; Donna Tognetti, Madera; Frances Marie Boito, Stockton; Charles A. Fuscone Osborne, North Hollywood; Lillian Carmela Casserino, Anaheim, and Maria Lenci, Oakland.

Other recipients and donors were Donna Sbragia, Sparks, Nev.; Giuseppe Verdi Lodge; John Della Santa Jr., Sparks, First National Bank of Nevada; Narduccio B. Domenici, Pioche, Nev., First National Bank of Nevada; Linda Claire Brucia, Seaside, Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge of Fremont; Concetta Luizzi, San Diego, Alfred Roccaforte Memorial; Camilla Maria Tortoreto, Los Angeles, Innocenzo Giuffrida Memorial; Frank Zvonek, Norwalk, Santa Pernicano Memorial; Brian Napolitan, San Francisco, Columbus Savings & Loan Association; Celestine Lynn DeMattei, Pittsburg, Italian Federation of California, Inc.; Armand V. Attia, San Francisco, The Consul General of Italy in San Francisco; Darlene Phyllis Fici, San Francisco, Italian Hospital & Benevolent Association of San Francisco, and Anne Marie Ferraris, San Francisco, Cornelia dei Gracchi Lodge.

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## Massachusetts

CHICOPEE, Mass. — The Massachusetts Scholarship Commission awarded educational grants totaling \$5,200 to 17 high school graduates at a luncheon at the grand convention here.

Mrs. Teresa D. Rosati, Hyde Park, chairman of the commission, presented the awards.

Those awarded \$350 scholarships were: Michael J. Alessandro, Mansfield; Margaret A. Camello, Somerville; John A. DeFlaminis, Norwood; Flora A. DiNuccio, North Weymouth; Mirella Gasparotto, Canton; Beverly A. Germano, Canton; John P. Iannello, Watertown; John D. Lanoue, North Adams; Natalie A. Scafiati, Cambridge; Helen R. Siciliano, North Adams; Valerie A. Valenti, Lee, and Paula R. Valicente, East Weymouth.

The following were awarded \$200 scholarships: Francesca Maria Caruso, Danvers; Ann M. Capurso, Worcester; Frances C. Cicchese, East Weymouth; Carolyn G. Lattanzio, Everett and Kathleen D. Prezioso, Leominster.

The Rev. Fr. Alphonse G. Palladino, chaplain of the Junior Division, spoke at the luncheon. The Rev. Fr. Anthony A. Nuccio said the invocation. Past Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston, was luncheon chairman.

## New York

SWAN LAKE, N.Y. — Three high school graduates were awarded scholarships totaling \$1,300 by the New York Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee.

Dr. Anthony P. Aesori, committee chairman, who is co-ordinator of field services at State University College in Cortland, made the presentations.

Miss Angela M. Bruno of Mechanicville was the winner of the \$800 state-wide award. Michael J. Volpe of Schenectady and Gerald Marmillo of Mechanicville were recipients of \$250 awards.

Selection was based on high school averages on academic subjects, rank in class, college entrance board examination scores, recommendations and test scores on reading and achievement.

Other members of the committee included San DiBlasi, Albany; Angela Yozzo, Dobbs Ferry; Josephine Volpe, Schenectady, and Andrew C. Bongiorno, Glen Cove.

## N. Y. Scholarship



Dr. Anthony P. Tesori, Cortland, scholarship committee chairman, is shown with Miss Angela M. Bruno, Mechanicville, winner of the \$800 state-wide award.

## John Statti, Member of 48 Years, Is Dead

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. — John Statti, 79, founder and first venerable of Ellwood City Lodge No. 608, died at his home.

Brother Statti first joined the Order in 1913 at Pittsburgh. He moved to this city in 1916 and in October of that year organized the Ellwood City Lodge and became its first venerable. He also participated in the organization of Corona d'Italia Ladies' Lodge No. 807, founded on December 30, 1917.

On the day prior to his death, Brother Statti had attended a meeting of the lodge. He had addressed the assembly and gave a farewell talk. Following his talk he presented Venerable James Pasta with his officer's regalia, shook hands and kissed him on the cheek. He made the request that his regalia be placed around his neck when he died and that his body lie in state in the lodge quarters.

The lodge fulfilled his request and hundred of members and friends viewed the body of John Statti in Memorial Hall.

## Order Gains 26 New Lodges

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Twenty-six new lodges have been added to the roster of the Order in the two-year period following the 1959 Supreme Convention, Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo reported to delegates here.

Errigo reported that nine of the Order's 21 Grand Lodges initiated new lodges during the past two years.

He said the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania topped the list with the induction of eight new lodges. The Grand Lodge issued one charter in the latter part of 1959, four charters in 1960 and three charters in the first six months of 1961.

The Grand Lodge of Florida granted charters to five new lodges, organizing two in 1959, two in 1960 and one in 1961.

Other Grand Lodges which issued new charters in the past two years were, California, 4; Massachusetts, 3; New York, 2; Connecticut, 1; New Jersey, 1; Rhode Island, 1, and West Virginia, 1.

## West Virginia

### Viani Again Grand Venerable

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Angelo Viani of Fairmont has been reelected by acclamation to a fourth two-year term as Grand Venerable of the West Virginia Order.

Christopher Columbus Lodge

was host for the three-day grand convention. Supreme Trustee Antonio Basile of Anmoore extended the greetings of the Supreme Lodge at the convention session.

Grand Venerable Viani, who was first elected to the office in 1955, has also served the Grand Lodge as a grand recording secretary. He served in that office from 1925 to 1955.

Other officers are Assistant Grand Venerable Dominick Masulo, Morgantown; Assistant Grand Venerable Joseph Orlandi, Charleston; Ex-Grand Venerable Antonio Giudice, Charleston; Grand Orator Sam Angotti, Morgantown; Grand Recording Secretary Mrs. Catherine F. Minehart, Clarksburg; Grand Financial Secretary John D. Julian, Clarksburg; Grand Treasurer Mrs. Rita Basile, Anmoore; Grand Trustees: Mrs. Vicenza Viani, Fairmont; Lewis Belmaglio, Masontown; George Sharpe, Wheeling; Sam Cimonette, Huntington; Mrs. Josephine Angotti, Morgantown; Joseph Femia, Keyser; Sylvester Mazzella, Charleston; Frank Lopez, Clarksburg; Melizio Silvestrucci, Logan; and Luigi Damiani, Piedmont.

Members of the Mortuary Fund

Commission are Luigi Costa, president, Clarksburg; John DeMichele, treasurer, Morgantown, and D. A. Cavallaro, secretary, Clarksburg.

Luigi Costa and Frank Basile, Follansbee, are supreme delegates.

Honorary grand officers attending were, Benny Filiaggi, Montgomery; Frank Mayolo, Piedmont; Supreme Trustee Basile and Frank Basile.

### Loretta Installed At Morgantown

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Lewis Loretta has been installed venerable of Victory Lodge No. 914.

Other officers seated were Joseph Maiolo, assistant venerable; Jack Lucci, ex-venerable; Frank Fratto, orator; Sam Maiolo, recording secretary; Abraham Lucici, financial secretary; Isidore Gizzi, treasurer; Phillip Perrots, Domenico Furfaro, Carmin D'Amico, Angelo Miceli, Steve Mancini, trustees; Lusa Petrelli, Nick Tomba, masters of ceremony; Carmin DiCarlo, sentinel.

### Gorrasi Lauded By Massachusetts And West Virginia

The Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and West Virginia passed resolutions at their respective grand conventions lauding the leadership of Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi.

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# PR Committee Reports

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The Order's National Committee on Public Relations recently took a number of steps in the Order's continuing campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people."

Through a series of letters to key men in the Federal Government, the Hearst Corporation and American Broadcasting Co., the Order moved to solidify its campaign to create a more favorable image of Americans of Italian origin.

Two letters were concerned with a newspaper article in the Hearst newspaper in Boston. Representations were made to the publisher for sensationalizing the article through the misuse of the word mafia. And because the source of the information was attributed to the U. S. Department of Justice, a related letter from the Order was sent to U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. The Order's letter to the U. S. Attorney General asked whether the Department of Justice had used the term Mafia as indicated in the Boston newspaper article.



MARCELLO

A copy of Attorney General Kennedy's letter appears in full elsewhere on this page.

## Letter to Kern

The letter concerned with the publication of a story in the Boston newspaper was sent to Harold G. Kern, publisher of the Boston Daily Record. It was followed by a telephone conversation in which Mr. Kern told Albert A. Maino, secretary of the National Committee of Public Relations, that steps had been taken to avoid a repetition of the incident.

In essence here is what Mr. Kern said:

"I can well understand that the use of the word Mafia is distasteful to most of the fine law-abiding citizens of Italian descent — if there was anything wrong with our story there may have been some question about the use of the word. I have asked our editors to be on the alert and avoid the use of the word Mafia in any stories that we may print in our newspapers."

## Letter to Moore

Another letter went to Thomas W. Moore, vice president of the American Broadcasting Co. In this letter, Chairman Marcello said that he "proposed to tell delegates to the Supreme Convention that ABC has shown good faith in trying to resolve problems of mutual interest."

## Mr. Moore's Reply

In his reply to the Public Relations Chairman's letter, Mr. Moore of ABC, stated that all those concerned with the production of "The Untouchables" series planned for the coming season have been reminded to follow "guide lines" set earlier this year by the television networks.

In essence these "guide lines" ask script writers, etc., not to use Italian names for fictionalized characters who are portrayed as criminals and more emphasis is to be given to the law enforcement role of men with Italian names.

"Also," Mr. Moore wrote, "re-

## The Quote Of the Month

"Regretfully . . . we have allowed ourselves to be stamped with the brand of the miserable few who have turned to a life of crime . . ."

"... We are not to be blamed for their actions. We are to be blamed for standing mute against the charge of responsibility. We have allowed this monstrous picture to be painted of us primarily through lack of interest. The desire for personal advancement toward the goal of greater material benefits has submerged our class

consciousness. Petty rivalries, and indeed, individual self-interest, of which we are not alone but all Americans are guilty, have blinded us to the common good."

"... The time has come for every self-respecting person of Italian origin to be alerted to the situation and to take an active part in combatting this unfavorable propaganda . . ."

U. S. Custom Court Judge Paul P. Rao Mt. Kisco N. Y., in a recent speech in White Plains, N. Y.

cognition should be given to the formidable influence in the field of law enforcement by persons of Italian origin such as judges, prosecutors, lawyers and other public officials and officers whose activities fall within the scope of the story treatment of this series."

## Letter to Publisher of the Boston Record

Dear Mr. Kern:

We have had some correspondence with Mr. Richard E. Berlin, President of The Hearst Corporation, regarding certain material which has been published from time to time by the Hearst newspapers. We are enclosing copies of this correspondence to help you familiarize yourself with the problem at hand.

We are deeply concerned over a recent article which was published in the Boston Daily Record. The heading on this story is CLAIM MAFIA BOSS IN HUB. Please note that the article mentions the U. S. Department of Justice as the source for the information contained therein.

The Order Sons of Italy in America, the largest fraternal organization of its kind in the United States, has been the front-runner in the fight "to defend the good name of the Italian people." Our chief target has been the irresponsible use of the word Mafia by columnists, news reporters and headline writers. We have maintained throughout our fight that there is no such organization as the Mafia in the United States and that every time the word is used without regard for established fact, great harm is done to the image of millions of Americans of Italian origin.

The files of the National Committee on Public Relations of our organization bulge with material to substantiate what we have to say here.

We submit that each time that the word Mafia is used as loosely as the article published in the July 14 editions of the Boston Daily Record, it distresses a vast segment of Americans of Italian origin.

And we further state that such an article as the one in question serves no good purpose. Rather it helps to create a false image of

millions of law-abiding Americans of Italian descent.

For your information we are writing to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy calling his attention to the article and asking if his department issued such an alert as described in the Boston Daily Record and also if the word Mafia was used in the alert.

We do not believe that the Hearst newspapers would deliberately slander millions of men and women who have made and are making outstanding contributions to the development and growth of this country.

But such an article as we have described certainly is not objective journalism however the reason for its publication.

I have been asked by our Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., attorney, to protest the publication of such material. Mr. Gorrasi joins with me in expressing the hope that there will not be a repetition of this incident.

The facilities of my office are

## U. S. Official Says There Is No Mafia

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "I will say emphatically there is no Mafia in this country and no national crime syndicate." The statement was made by U. E. Baughman, who retires this month as head of the United States Secret Service. Baughman also posed the question: "Why don't those who talk about the Mafia name its leader or leaders?"

Baughman added: "About a national crime syndicate, I say there is no such thing, and I say it not simply as a personal judgment but on the basis of talks with other enforcement officials."

"There may be some dealings between underworld leaders in certain localities, or in certain states, but that's not a national crime syndicate. Competition is strong in the underworld, and local crime leaders would never permit a syndicate to muscle in on them."

## U. S. Attorney General's Reply

# Crime Is International

(Editor's Note: Elsewhere on this page appears the text of a letter written by the Order's National Public Relations Chairman to U. S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.)

Herewith is the Attorney General's reply:)

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This is in response to your letter of July 17, 1961, regarding a story in the Boston Daily Record of July 14 that this Department had alerted various intelligence agencies that "the reputed head of the Mafia in Massachusetts had just arrived in Boston from Italy."

The word "Mafia" is not used by this Department in characterizing syndicates of organized criminals. Further, I assure you that the term was not used in the instance to which you refer. It is our view that there is no national crime syndicate composed exclusively of hoodlums of any particular national origin.

President Kennedy, while in the Senate, expressed his views on the use of the term Mafia in a letter to your organization as follows:

... Any attempt to stigmatize Italians or their American descendants by the loose application of a word of opprobrium must not be countenanced.

You may be assured that this will be the policy of the Department of Justice so long as I am Attorney General.

Furthermore, much of the major fight against organized crime in the United States has been carried on by Americans of Italian origin. I would be delighted to furnish some of their names if there is further interest in this matter. My former associate, Carmine Bellino, who is now with the President in the White House, is one outstanding example.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy  
Attorney General

at your disposal to help you and your organization resolve matters of mutual interest.

We would, of course, appreciate hearing from you in the near future so that I can make an intelligent report in this matter to our membership.

With kindest regards, I am  
Sincerely yours,

A. Alfred Marcello,  
National Chairman

## Letter to The U. S. Attorney General

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

We had the pleasure of writing to you on several occasions while you served as counsel to the McClellan Committee and you were most cordial to me and the organization which I serve as National Public Relations Chairman.

At this time we are writing to you regarding a news story which appeared in the July 14 editions of the Boston Daily Record. This article attributes the source of information to the Department of Justice.

Would you be kind enough to inform us whether or not such an alert was issued by your department, and if so, did the alert mention the word "Mafia."

The Order Sons of Italy in America, the largest fraternal organization of its kind, strongly objects to the use of the word Mafia without regard for established fact. We have long maintained that the irresponsible use of the word by law enforcement agencies helps to create a false image of millions of Americans of Italian origin. We also maintain that there is no such organization as the Mafia in the United States. Crime syndicates, yes, but not the Mafia.

Mafia has become an odious word and whenever it is used in connection with crime in the United States the reader instantly associates Italians with lawlessness when the opposite is true.

I have been asked by our Supreme Venerable, Atty. Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., to get all the facts pertaining to the Boston Daily Record story. For

your information we have also written to the editors of the Boston newspaper and a copy of this letter is also enclosed.

We would appreciate hearing from you soon so that I can make a comprehensive report to Attorney Gorrasi and other officers of our organization.

Sincerely yours,

A. Alfred Marcello,  
National Chairman

## Letter to ABC Vice President

Dear Mr. Moore:

It has been some time since we wrote you last. But they say that "no news is good news." However, I believe that letters should be written even when there is nothing to complain about.

Our organization is holding its national convention in Washington next month and I thought that in all fairness my report to the convention should make some mention on how our relations have progressed. I propose to tell the delegates that the American Broadcasting Co., has shown good faith in trying to resolve problems of mutual interest and that this augurs well for the future.

You will recall undoubtedly that our organization was quite concerned over the repeat shows in "The Untouchables" series during the Summer. I think that ABC has shown excellent judgment in the matter of repeats and for this please accept our thanks.

I have one suggestion to make. I believe it would be an excellent idea if I could tell the delegates something about "The Untouchables" programs slated for the coming season. I would like to reassure the convention that ABC is mindful of the feelings of our group that this will be taken into consideration in future programming.

I'd appreciate a reply sometime within the next couple of weeks.

Again, my personal thanks and the thanks of our organization for your cooperation.

With every best wish, I am  
Sincerely yours,

A. Alfred Marcello,  
National Chairman





**NEW MASSACHUSETTS GRAND COUNCIL**—Seated, left to right, Grand Financial Secretary Frank W. Liberatore, Fitchburg; Grand Orator Joseph Furnari, West Roxbury; Ex-Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, Marshfield; Second Assistant Grand Venerable R. Alfred Campisi, Waltham; Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester; First Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline Miceli, Medford; Grand Recording Secretary Sophie E. Gorrasi, Woburn; Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, Newton; standing, left to right, Grand Trustees: Aldo Caira, Wilmington; Nicholas Barbadore, Quincy; Mrs. Anne Pascarella, Dorchester; Nicholas DeConza, Fitchburg; Connie Andreottola, Revere; Anthony Polidoro, Pittsfield; Mrs. Josephine Falco, Waltham; John Moschilli, Milford; Joseph V. Nuccio, Lynnfield, and Mario Colombo, Beverly. Absent when photo was taken were Grand Trustees Louis Salvatore, Brockton, and James McMahon, Auburn, Me.

## California

### Convention Asks Revision Of Immigration Quotas

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Delegates at the California Grand convention adopted the following resolutions:

Called on Congress to revise current immigration laws so that immigrants from Italy and other South European countries may enter on a basis in all respects equal to that of any other nationality now more favored.

Urged Congress to pass legislation which would make October 12 of each year a national legal holiday called Columbus Day.

Condemned Communism and reaffirmed the Grand Lodge's faith in freedom regulated by law of democratic government.

Requested the California state board of education and local boards of education to establish and enlarge courses in the study of the Italian language as a part of the regular curriculum of public schools throughout the state and to grant proper academic credit for such study.



#### GRAND VENERABLE

Daniel D'Amico of Long Beach has been elected Grand Venerable of the California Order at the 26th annual grand convention held at Los Angeles. He succeeds Ex-Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli.

#### CONVENTION QUEEN

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Miss Patti Ceccarelli, sponsored by Giuseppe Verdi Lodge of Sparks, Nev., was crowned queen of Sons of Italy of the California Order at the grand convention coronation pageant.



**MANSFIELD CENTER, CONN.**—Members of the Grand Council, grand delegates and lodge venerables were guests at the Grand Lodge Coffee Hour held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Ferreri. Seated, left to right, Grand Trustees Edward Bonello, South Norwalk; Mrs. Mary E. Romano, New London; Mrs. Ferreri; Mrs. Frances Lovallo, Torrington; Joseph Furnari, Bristol; standing, left to right, Grand Trustee Thomas Izzo, Derby; Grand Orator Anthony DeLallo, Derby; Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli, Waterbury; Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, South Norwalk; Grand Financial Secretary James V. Novace, Danbury, and Grand Trustee Elvinio Giacomini South Norwalk.

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### Name Zirpoli An Ex-Grand Venerable

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Delegates at the 26th grand convention, by unanimous action, named Atty. Alfonso J. Zirpoli, city supervisor of San Francisco, to the office of Ex-Grand Venerable.



#### ZIRPOLI

Until March of this year, Zirpoli had been serving as First Assistant Grand Venerable. He succeeded to the office of Grand Venerable at that time when Attilio Raeta of San Francisco resigned.

The special action was required because Brother Zirpoli had served as Grand Venerable for only three months prior to the convention and was not entitled by law to the office of Ex-Grand Venerable.



**ANSONIA, CONN.**—First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., of New Haven, Home fund state chairman, accepts contributions totaling \$320 for National Memorial Home fund from Frances Carubba, venerable of Bella Sicilia Lodge. Elizabeth Balisciano, left, was chairman of the lodge's card party and fashion show at which a major part of the money was raised. The remainder was raised through sale of marble blocks and direct contributions by lodge members. The lodge of 58 members has surpassed its quota.

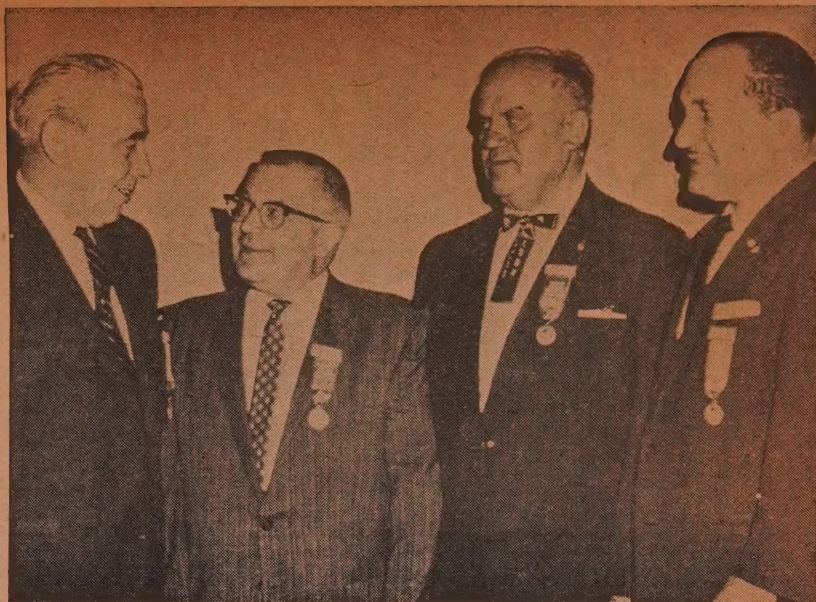
### Serritella Speaker At Blue Island

BLUE ISLAND, Ill. — Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella, Chicago, was principal speaker at the 26th annual banquet of Blue Island Lodge No. 1659. Michael Guglielmucci, toastmaster, was introduced by Venerable Luca Alfidi.





**GREET NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**—Supreme Recording Secretary Modest S. Mele, Everett, Mass., right, newly elected, is welcomed to Supreme Council by, left to right, Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, Pa., and Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.



**NEWCOMERS TO SUPREME COUNCIL**—Supreme Trustees elected at the 27th biennial Supreme Lodge convention held in Washington, D. C., are, from left to right, Louis Durante, Philadelphia; Joseph Berarducci, Youngstown, Ohio; Anthony J. Toro, Torrington, Conn., and Judge Vito A. Marino, Baltimore, Md.

## CAMERA VIEWS OF THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION



**NEW GRAND VENERABLES AT SUPREME CONVENTION**—(left photo): left to right, Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester, Mass.; Renzo Abbondandolo, Coral Gables, Fla.; Sylvester Yaney, Fort Wayne, Ind.; (right photo): Peter A. Brevett, Cortland, N. Y.; Errante Corina, Birmingham, Ala.; Italo D. Iaccheri, Richmond, Va., and Nicholas J. Zaffiro, Hamilton, Ontario.

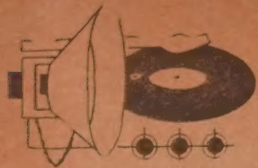


**PURPLE ASTER**—Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Philadelphia, right, author of *The Purple Aster*, history of the Order Sons of Italy in America, presents first copy to Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi Woburn, Mass. The book, published by Veritas Press of New York, was placed on sale during the convention.



**COLUMBUS MONUMENT CEREMONIES**—Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, right of wreath, is shown with members of the Supreme Council and Supreme Delegates at wreath-laying ceremonies at Christopher Columbus statue in Union Station Plaza.





## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The drought is over. By the time this issue of OSIA NEWS reaches our readers there should be a flood of new recordings available for the audiophile. The major recording companies have raised the curtain on releases planned for this Fall. A number of these releases have already reached the record shops and by mid-September we are certain to be knee-deep in recordings of all varieties.

This department has been scanning publicity releases from the top recording companies and from what we can gather there will be plenty of variety in store for the music-lover for the cool evenings ahead.

What's in store for the record buyer? Well, let's check listings of some of the major record companies.

**LONDON:** Word from this outlet is that the emphasis this Fall will again be on opera. Which is good news for the followers of this column. London has distinguished itself in the past in recording operas in stereo and we are certain that this company will add to its laurels with proposed recordings of *Otello*, *Lucia* and *Rigoletto*.

Blue-ribbon casts will be featured. The stars will include Tebaldi, Del Monaco and Joan Sutherland, among others.

Among the new orchestral items will be Ernest Ansermet and his famed Swiss Orchestra recording a new Scheherazade and the incomparable Georg Solti directing a new *Gaite Parisienne*.

**COLUMBIA:** Apparently it will be a season for conductors at this enterprising recording company. The top conductors will be represented in the new releases—Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra; Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic as well as Bruno Walter conducting the Beethoven Violin Concerto with Francescatti as soloist. The works of Mozart, Bruckner, Walton, Berlioz, Ravel and Schumann will be represented in the repertoire to be recorded.

**RCA VICTOR:** Two operas will be among the early recordings contemplated by RCA Victor; these are Verdi's *Otello* and Wagner's *Flying Dutchman*. And as usual, there will be a good sprinkling of orchestral works topped by Brahms Double Concerto and Beethoven's Emperor Concerto featuring Van Cliburn.

**ROCO:** The new crop from this company will concentrate on reissues of old vocal material featuring Patti, Gigli and Scotti.

**LIBRARY OF RECORDED MASTERPIECES:** This group, noted for its recordings of Corelli and Vivaldi masterpieces, will turn to the works of Haydn and Bach this Fall.

**ANGEL:** The recording schedule will be dominated by releases featuring three of the best opera singers today, namely De Los Angeles, Schwarzkopf and Callas. And of interest, too, is that the ageless maestro, Tullio Serafin will preside over the recording of Norma with Callas in the title role. Tenor Franco Corelli will be heard in the Norma release with Callas.

### London Ten-Strike

London Records has a ten-strike in a recording made in association with the British Council. This is the album that features Searle's Symphony No. 1, Matyas Seiber's Elegy for Viola and Small Orchestra and Seiber's musical setting for three prose excerpts from James Joyce's Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

Sir Adrian Boult conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the Searle Symphony. This is a competent job, but most audiophiles will probably find the Seiber conducted portions of this album of more interest.

And both are moving experiences.

### Karajan's Latest

In our book, Herbert von Karajan is one of the top conductors in the music world today. Somehow no matter what he tackles it comes out letter perfect. His latest recording for London Records—Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* and Richard Strauss' *Don Juan*—is a case in point.

It's a beautiful job of conducting. The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra comes through in fine style for Karajan. As in many previous recordings, Karajan and the Vienna Philharmonic make a wonderful combination.

Available in both stereo and monaural version. The sound is magnificent.

### Capsule Reviews

**TELEFUNKEN:** This offshoot of London Records has come up with an exceptional bargain-priced recording of some choice Mozart. The Munich Bach Orchestra with Karl Richter, conducting, does a competent job of playing three Mozart works—Concerto in C for Flute and Harp; Concerto No. 2 in D for Flute and Andante in C for Flute.

We heard the monaural recording, but it is also available in stereo. The sound is good. A bargain at \$1.98.

**RICHMOND:** Another bargain recording of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 (Choral) from another of London's subsidiary company. Erich Kleiber conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in rousing performance highlighted by the singing of a cast topped by Hilde Gueden.

The complete recording is on two sides. Good sound. A real buy at \$1.98.

### Bay State Delegates Honor Mrs. Volpe

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mrs. John A. Volpe, first lady of Massachusetts, was honored at a luncheon tendered by members of the Supreme Lodge delegation from the Bay State. The Massachusetts group also extended an enthusiastic welcome to Governor and Mrs. Volpe on their arrival at the Mayflower Hotel.

## SESSIONS

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**Honor to Brumidi:** The Order, through Sons of Italy Foundation, will have bust made of Constantino Brumidi, Italian artist who painted frescoes and friezes of Capitol Rotunda, placed in the Halls of Congress.

**Fund Merger:** Merged funds in the National Home Account with funds of Sons of Italy Foundation Account.

### Resolutions

**Immigration:** Urged President Kennedy and both Houses of Congress to take affirmative action in this session of Congress relative to changes sought by the Order in current immigration laws.

**Recognition:** Urged greater recognition of Americans of Italian origin in public life by those in responsible positions.

**Columbus Day:** Requested Congress to enact legislation making October 12, Columbus Day, a national holiday.

**Commendation:** Vote of thanks and the gratitude of all members extended to Joseph Gorrasi "for his leadership and for all that he has done" as Supreme Venerable for the past four years.

## AWARD

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morality "is a serious threat faced by our country in these critical times."

"If our moral foundations are rotten," he said, then "in time of stress, our foundations will crumble away and leave us exposed to the godless advance of communism. When this happens, our Democracy, as we know it, shall cease to exist."

In speaking of the Marconi Award, the governor said:

"This is a great day in my life. 'I must admit that I am proud — proud to have been chosen by the Order sons of Italy in America for the highest honor the Order can bestow on an individual."

"At the same time, I must accept this award with all humility, for there are only two other men in this country who have received it, and these two men are outstanding in their fields."

"I refer, of course, to Brigadier General David Sarnoff, President of the National Broadcasting Company, and that outstanding Philadelphia jurist, Mr. Sons of Italy himself, Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini."

"That the Order has seen fit to link me, by means of the Marconi Award to these two great men is a singular honor for me and my entire family."

## DONATIONS

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fund drive, Governor Volpe announced that he will make a \$15,000 contribution to the campaign. He said that his pledge was subject to the following:

One quarter of the pledge to be given when the fund reached \$100,000, the second quarter when the drive reached \$150,000, the third commitment at \$200,000, and the last installment of the pledge when the Order raised \$250,000.

Following Governor Volpe's talk a number of donations were received on the floor of the con-

## The Supreme Chaplain's Corner

# GOOD LOSERS

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

The true character of a person reveals itself in the playing of games, whether of skill or chance. It shows itself in the way he behaves if victorious, and in the manner in which he takes defeat.

The 'poor loser' shows lack of will power and bad sportsmanship by making accusations against his opponent, or, he blames his own failure on his teammates and everyone else except himself. "I didn't have the right support," "I was unlucky," "I didn't get the breaks—my opponent did." "I would have won — if . . ." etc.

The 'poor loser' becomes morose, gloomy, peevish and even revengeful after losing. He belittles his opponent's victory, attributing his success to sheer luck, or even to cheating. He loses his temper and his self-control. He defeats the very purpose of the game, which is to relax and have fun, because he loses his peace of mind as well as the game, and excites anger in himself which causes him to be unkind to others.

A 'poor loser' is a sad character, and everyone avoids him.

On the other hand, the 'good loser' does not take it out on anyone—himself or others—if he fails to triumph. He loses with good grace and humility, thereby manifesting a strong will power and complete domination over his pride and passions. This does not mean that he will not play hard to win, to give the game his very best effort, using all his powers and skill. But, once the game is lost, he does not sulk or look for excuses. He takes his defeat gracefully, saying: "the better man won." He knows that all games are intended for recreation and enjoyment, and that winning or losing are not as important as 'how he plays the game.' Thus, in defeat he is victorious, because he knows that success is measured not so much by the results as by the sincere all-out effort that he makes.

Before God's footstool to confess

"I humbly knelt and bowed my head."

"I failed," I said.

"Thou didst thy best — that is success."



FR. PALLOTTA

vention. These totalled \$8,497. Top donation was \$2,500 from the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. The next highest was \$2,000 received from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Grand Venerables, in meeting with Governor Volpe and members of the National Home Committee, pledged their support and gave assurance that their respective state quotas would be met by the end of 1962.

Members of the National Home Committee in attendance were President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia Grand Venerable, chairman of region 1; William Amoroso, Washington, D. C., chairman of region 2; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, chairman of region 3, and Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburg, Calif., chairman of region 4.

## PRESIDENT

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a Communist area, a link with the Free World, a beacon of hope behind the Iron Curtain, an escape hatch for the Free World. It has now become the great testing place of Western courage and will, and

WHEREAS We are willing to consider any arrangement or treaty in Germany consistent with the maintenance of peace and freedom and with legitimate security interests of all nations and

WHEREAS While we are ready to defend our interests, we shall be ready to search for peace, and

WHEREAS President Kennedy, our Commander-in-Chief, has asked for our help, sacrifices and prayers to meet the Communistic

threat to Berlin and the peace of the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Supreme Convention of the Order Sons of Italy in America, convened at its 27th Biennial Convention at Washington, D. C., on this 17th day of August, 1961 pledge its support to the President during this crisis and offer to him our help, express our willingness to make sacrifices in this great cause, and devoutly offer our prayers to God to give him strength and to sustain him always in the conduct of his office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.





# Dr. Lichten Speaks on Defamation

One of the highlights of the Supreme Lodge convention was a speech by Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, Director of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Lichten was asked to address the convention delegates because of his work in connection with the Order's campaign "To defend the good name of the Italian people." The complete text of his talk follows:

I come here to the Supreme Convention of your distinguished Order to bring you fraternal greetings from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Let me assure you that this is one of the most pleasant assignments ever given to me—not only because I am quite familiar with your worthy goals and effective activities, not only because the relationship between our two organizations is a long-standing and continuous one—I am happy to be here today also because during those years of contact and cooperation between our two organizations I was able to establish many new, valuable friendships and coming to Washington to address this gathering gives me the most comfortable feeling that I am visiting with friends. These friendships are most valuable because they have sprung from and are dedicated to a mutual understanding of our respective philosophies and objectives—to working together as two separate units, but toward many similar ends and with equal determination.

We believe in the principle of cultural pluralism, which assumes that each racial, religious, and ethnic group of Americans plays an important role in American culture. As a philosophy, cultural pluralism denies the assumption that there is one White, Protestant, Anglo-Saxon American culture, fixed once and for all by our colonial ancestors. It assumes that our culture is variegated and dynamic, and that all immigrant groups have contributed toward its enrichment.

## ADL'S Experience

From this concept derives another one, which we in the ADL have learned from our experience of half a century. It is not possible to work successfully, to achieve positive results, for the benefit of one group only, whether racial, religious, or ethnic. Working for democratic principles in a democratic society, it is important to remember that every breach, every rent in this democratic fabric, sooner or later will react to the detriment of one's own group.

The Anti-Defamation League was established fifty years ago mainly to combat the anti-Jewish stereotypes, mostly on the American stage. Today we are ready to join forces with and work for the benefit of any legitimate group, victim of prejudice and discrimination based on religion, color, or ethnic origin.

The concept of cultural pluralism as a theoretical basis and its practical expression in the desire and determination to assist those whose civil rights are endangered bring us nearer to the realization of the fact that we must work together for the "common good" of Society. One of the most formidable barriers in our times has been the lack of appreciation of the common good as it applies not only to a single group but to the community of groups which form the American Society. The troublemakers in our society must finally learn that, above their petty, pseudo-common goods, exists the true common good, so clearly defined

by Pope John XXIII in his recent encyclical, "Mater et Magistra." We are partners, therefore, in our work — sometimes even in our fight — for the good of the community, for the common good.

## Do Battle Together

I hope that it is no secret to anyone now that the OSIA and the ADL will do battle together against the forces of prejudice and the evils arising from stereotyping and generalizations.

Once again, the issue of stereotypes and the defamation of minority groups in the mass media has become a source of aggravation and controversy. This is a question of not one television program, one book, one magazine article, or one column in a daily newspaper. The good name of the Americans of Italian extraction is being smeared, defamed by practically every medium available to those who, for a profit big or small, or for doubtful publicity, would not hesitate to do injustice to the Italo-American community.

To quote a noted psychiatrist, it is high time to learn from the clinic and from history that violence in fiction and in fact are not two totally separate worlds. Sparks may fly from the one to the other. Violence is not strength. If democracy does not do away with violence, violence may do away with democracy. . . . And the chief ingredient of some television programs is violence. Violence is being smuggled into our lives and the lives of our children.

With great satisfaction and relief we can state here today that, thanks to your ceaseless efforts, definite progress has been made in the fight against the unfavorable image of the Italo-American presented in television programs. Mr. Epstein, our National Director, and I were present at the conference with the leaders of the major television network. We know that the situation has improved considerably since then. We can only admire and praise most highly the devotion and the skill of your leaders and your representatives.

Similar progress is under way in the newspaper field and, in view of your spectacular successes during last year, I am optimistic about the future.

But I know that this is only the beginning even in the TV and press areas. And prejudice in mass media represents only one aspect of the situation. You will probably soon start to survey the general community's attitudes and behavior toward the American of Italian descent, with an Italian sounding name, in the field of education and employment, in resorts, clubs and other places of social contact.

I have very strong doubts that the results of such surveys will satisfy you and me, who are engaged in fighting defamation and discrimination.

## Myth of the Mafia

Our immigration legislation still belongs in the class of unfinished business. We see this when we compare the Italian annual quota with the British, Irish or German one. Emergency measures are only palliatives—we de-

mand a change in the basic law, which will treat justly each and every immigrant, regardless of the place of his origin. Above all, I am not certain that we were able to dissolve in the minds of some "gentle" people of prejudice the myth of the existence of a "MAFIA" and everything which goes with it—the dubious romantic connotations of a mysterious society of gangsters, dope merchants, and bootleggers. And all this creates an atmosphere of generalizations about and blame of the whole Italo-American community for the crimes of a few individuals, with inferences that Italians are all cut from the same mold and that individual differences among them do not exist.

We know that several studies have proved that proportionately Americans of Italian descent have committed fewer crimes than any other group of Americans of foreign stock. (Lawrence Frank Pisani in *The Italian in America*.) We know "that the acts of the few have nothing to do with the basic character of the group or individual Italians, Jews, or whomever."

But do they know? I have often wondered why this "foolish and distracting myth" returns again and again, in every generation, as an instrument of slander and prejudice against our co-citizens of Italian extraction.

## New Orleans Incident

Exactly seventy years ago in New Orleans the great controversy which has divided the community for such a long time started over the alleged activities of the Mafia, and it seems that the lapse of seven decades was not sufficient to eradicate forever from the mind of every American the ridiculous assumption of the existence of the Mafia in the United States. Perhaps more education, more information about the Italo-American community is needed to promote the change, different behavior and different attitudes. Perhaps vigorous action against "villains of generalization and stereotyping" should be accompanied by an equally energetic program to disseminate information in order to create a proper understanding of the background, the history, and the present status of Americans of Italian descent — a program geared not so much toward the irrationally biased who instigate the practice of discrimination, as aimed toward those who follow the lead example because they don't know any better.

They don't know, for instance, that the Italians are not necessarily "new" immigrants to the United States, though they are described as such even in sociology books, that many came at a much earlier period, though not identified as Italian since the concept of an Italian state is of more recent vintage. Father Marco da Nizza came to this shore exactly 430 years ago, and after him Father Eusebio Chino, Enrico Tonti, and countless others.

Nor do they know about the tremendous contributions of the Italian immigrant as a

## 'Man of Many Parts'

# Dr. Joseph L. Lichten

National Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello introduced Dr. Joseph L. Lichten of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to a Supreme Convention luncheon and audience.

In presenting Dr. Lichten to the delegates Mr. Marcello said: "It is a privilege for me to present our speaker at this luncheon. He is a man of many parts.

"I have come to know him quite well in my capacity as the national public relations chairman for the Order Sons of Italy in America. I think you should know that he has played an important part in the Order's campaign to 'defend the good name of the Italian people.'

"Without his help and the help of his splendid organization—the Anti-Defamation League—I doubt that we, as a group, would have made the progress we have made in our campaign.

"On behalf of the Order I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Lichten and the Anti-Defamation League for their individual and collective support to our cause."

builder of America. Even the great hero Garibaldi when he lived in this country worked as a simple laborer in a candle factory, owned by another Italian immigrant.

## Praises Italians

Permit me, however, to speak for a short while about more recent developments, within the memory of our generation—to speak about a topic again relatively unknown to the American masses. I feel that, speaking as the representative of a Jewish organization, I have a special obligation not to forget about the behavior of the Italian people toward the Jews during the biggest tragedy in the history of my people, during the Nazi holocaust. This is especially important since I speak only a few days after the Eichman trial has ended in Israel, revealing atrocities and brutalities committed not by one man only but by the whole Nazi gang. Our history in recent years has been too full of disillusionments and disappointments for us to fail to appreciate these manifestations of goodwill and brotherhood which the Germans termed ironically "their Christian and Catholic conception as it is inspired by the Vatican," although I fail to see even a trace of irony in it.

At a time when most of Europe lay under the German heel, when six million Jews were perishing in concentration camps and gas chambers, certain parts of the European continent were miraculously transformed into a place of refuge for the Jewish people. These parts were under the Italian jurisdiction. It was the Italian people who were responsible for this friendly treatment of the Jewish refugees; it was the Italian people who showed a sense of fairness and humanity toward the Jews.

## Quotes Historian

Quoting a historian of that period:

"The credit is that of the Italian people, which is at bottom a humane and Christian people. From the simple gendarme to the general in command of a division, from the police agent to the head of a ministry, it was this Italian national character that made them put up a stubborn resistance against the orders which Germany tried to impose on them."

If one were to ascribe traits of personality which are more common to Italians than to other groups, if such traits exist at all, they are more likely to be found in the stubborn and noble refusal of Italy to act in accordance with the German regulations which meant annihilation for the millions of innocent Jewish victims

— than in the slanderous television programs, gangster movies, stereotyping books, magazine articles, and newspaper columns, in the mythical and non-existent Mafia and Mafiosi, in generalizations whereby a whole community is held responsible for the crimes committed by the few.

I enumerated at the beginning of this address some of the reasons why I am happy to be with you today, Ladies and Gentlemen, at the Supreme Convention of your Order. There is an additional reason—to pay tribute to the great heart of the Italian people, known to us here in the United States so very well, because for the most part the relations between Americans of Italian descent and of the Jewish faith have been excellent.

With the greatest of pleasure I have observed the growth of the Order, the many new, admirable projects being added to your program, and the unusual vigor of your members and your leadership.

I read your newspapers, from the social news in your Philadelphia organ to Al Marcello's "Records in Review," in the OSIA NEWS, despite the fact that I know very little about music. But Al Marcello, even in his musical column, promotes brotherhood and intergroup understanding. I have in mind his recent review of Myron Cohen's stories.

## Cites OSIA NEWS

Naturally, I am biased in favor of your Supreme Venerable and your National Committee on Public Relations because Mr. Gorrasi was always present and helpful when problems important to all of us were discussed. On the other hand, the activities of the Committee on Public Relations are closest to my personal and professional interests.

The accuracy and frankness with which OSIA NEWS reports to the Order are, at least to my knowledge, without precedent and represent a real case of democracy in action.

I want to wish you a speedy success and to assure you that the ADL is ready to work with you until the last trace of this moral cancer, the prejudice against the Italo-American community, is eradicated from the life and mores of our country.

Mark Twain was once asked his opinion about a social group. Permit me to paraphrase his response—"Italians are human beings. Better than that I cannot say about them."

And I mean my paraphrase as the highest compliment to you.





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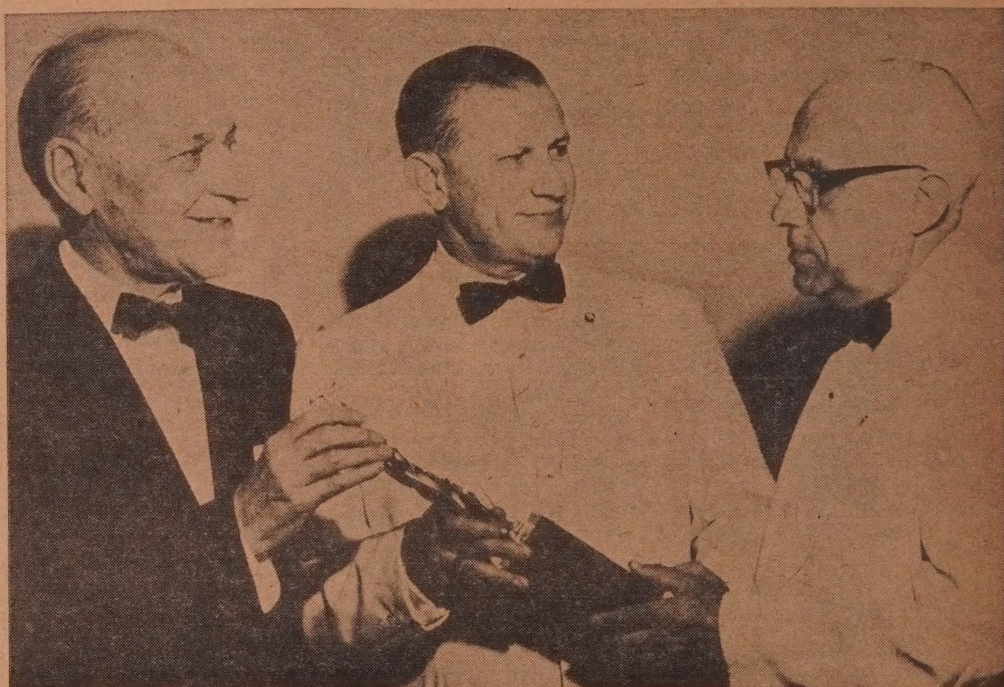
**PRESIDENT KENNEDY GREETES ORDER'S TOP OFFICIALS**

President Kennedy holds convention resolution endorsing his stand on the Berlin situation which was presented at White House visit on second day of the Supreme Convention. From left to right, Albert A. Maino, Worcester, Mass., executive editor of OSIA NEWS; Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del.; First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, New Haven, Conn.; National Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass.; Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.; President Kennedy; Judge Eugene V. Alessandrone, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania; Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Ambler, Pa.; Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, San Francisco, Calif.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain, and Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y.



**ADL OFFICIAL IS LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, New York City, left, director of the Foreign Affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, luncheon speaker, is shown with National Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass., right, and Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi.



**GOV. JOHN A. VOLPE RECEIVES GUGLIELMO MARCONI AWARD**

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., at right, presents Order's highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi Award, to Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts. At left is President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrone, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania, who was similarly honored in 1959.



**ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HOST AT EMBASSY RECEPTION**

Italian Ambassador Sergio Fenoaltea, second from left, chats with officials of the Order at reception in the Italian Embassy. From left to right, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi; Ambassador Fenoaltea; President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrone, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania, and U. S. District Court Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, Mass.



**HOME FUND CONTRIBUTION**—Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts, national chairman of the Order's Home fund drive, accepts proceeds raised in New Jersey totaling \$2,000 from Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria of Paterson, who also state chairman.